

the great king, hit Kamehameha with a paddle on the head, so hard that it splintered into thousand pieces. King Kamehameha survived the incident and those same fishermen were brought to him for punishment. However, to their surprise, the King did not seek revenge for the incident but rather blamed himself and declared that every innocent, unarmed man, woman and child would be protected during wartime. The Law of the Splintered Paddle has become the basis for a number of humanitarian laws of war and was the first written law in the Kingdom of Hawai'i. This reflects King Kamehameha's devotion to protecting the weak during times of war and his belief that every human life was precious beyond comprehension.

King Kamehameha was also steadfast in preserving the traditional Hawaiian cultural beliefs and practices. He was a strong follower of the Hawaiian religion and deeply valued the long standing kapu system, the laws and regulations of ancient Hawai'i.

Without King Kamehameha and the unification of the Hawaiian Islands, Hawai'i would have been torn apart by competing western interests. The Kingdom of Hawai'i, with a united front, was able to resist western colonialism until the overthrow in 1893. For the people of Hawai'i, the reign of King Kamehameha, celebrated on June 11th, represents a time of great prosperity and peace in Hawaiian history. It serves a reminder of the greatness in the Hawaiian people and the everlasting respect for the King who united Hawai'i while remaining true to the traditions and beliefs that have guided the people for hundreds of years and many more to come.

KEVIN O'DONNELL

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Kevin O'Donnell who is receiving the 2014 Greater Hazleton Friends of Scouting Distinguished Citizen of the Year award.

Mr. O'Donnell is the president of CAN DO, Inc. which is a private, non-profit industrial/economic development corporation serving the Greater Hazleton area in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He began his career with CAN DO in 1973 as assistant director, and in 1984, was named director, a title that was changed to president in 1995 and one that he continues to hold today.

The Greater Hazleton Friends of Scouting Distinguished Citizen award recognizes individuals who set a positive example for others and demonstrate selfless concern and care for their communities. For the past 40 years, through his work with CAN DO and other efforts, Mr. O'Donnell has attracted regional, national, and global companies to do business in Northeastern Pennsylvania, which in turn has created thousands of jobs and produced hundreds of millions of dollars for the local economy.

In addition to his most recent award, Mr. O'Donnell has been recognized countless times for his selfless contributions to the community. In 1984, he was the first individual ever named, "Developer of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Asso-

ciation. In 2006, he received the Ben Franklin Innovation Award "Special Achievement" for contributions to the Great Valley Technology Alliance, and in 2009, he was inducted into the Northeast Pennsylvania's Business Hall of Fame. Mr. O'Donnell has also been recognized for his work as a former officer and member of several local educational institutions and community and civic groups. He currently is on the board for the Wiltsie Center for the Performing Arts and serves as a member of the Hazleton Civic Partnership Advisory Committee. In addition, he is a member of the Hazleton Rotary Club.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. O'Donnell has made countless contributions to improving life for residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Therefore, I commend him for his hard work and congratulate him on receiving the 2014 Distinguished Citizen of the Year award from the Greater Hazleton Friends of Scouting.

RECOGNIZING COACH FRED
PENNINGTON

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Coach Fred Pennington of Evans High School. Coach Pennington began his coaching career at Evans in 1959 as the school's junior varsity basketball coach. His leadership was immediately evident, and after becoming the school's varsity basketball coach, his first varsity team won 20 games in the 1961-1962 season. Coach Pennington's 1968 team was state runner-up, and in 1975, he led the Trojan team to victory in the state championship. One of his players, Darryl Dawkins, became the first player drafted directly out of high school into the NBA.

While we celebrate Coach Pennington's public successes, the unwritten story of his influence is his undoubted impact on young people's lives. He inspired young people to meet high standards, to function as part of a team, and to achieve set goals. In the process, he gave them important tools with which they could improve their lives and the lives of others.

Throughout his career, Coach Pennington has demonstrated outstanding leadership on and off the court. It is my distinct honor to recognize Coach Pennington for his dedication to the students and athletes of Central Florida.

RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TOWN OF PESHTIGO
FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. REID J. RIBBLE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. RIBBLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department. The Town of Peshtigo, with the assistance of its neighbors in the City of Marinette, passed a resolution to purchase the necessary fire equipment to get started in 1963. The first meeting of the Town of Peshtigo volunteer firefighting company oc-

curred on April 28, 1964. A few months after this meeting, the town board officially created the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department with Howard Rettke being named Chief.

Since the beginning, the Town of Peshtigo has continually made the safety of these firefighters a priority by investing in the most modern technology. The Town of Peshtigo Fire Department has worked closely with surrounding communities to foster better coordination and faster response times to better protect the lives and property of their friends, families and neighbors.

The department plans to mark this anniversary on June 21 at Badger Park in Peshtigo with live music, a pig roast and waterball competition with other firefighters from the greater Peshtigo area. As Congressman, I am proud of the work being done by fire departments throughout the 8th District and I encourage the residents in Northeast Wisconsin to join with me in celebrating the Town of Peshtigo Fire Department's 50th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, and Wednesday, May 7, 2014, I missed eleven votes as I was home in Arkansas continuing my work in dealing with the aftermath of the devastating storm that hit my district, including a visit with the President of the affected area in Vilonia, Arkansas.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 194, "aye" on rollcall vote 195, "no" on rollcall vote 196, "aye" on rollcall vote 197, "aye" on rollcall vote 198, "aye" on rollcall vote 199, "aye" on rollcall vote 200, "aye" on rollcall vote 201, "no" on rollcall vote 202, "aye" on rollcall vote 203, and "aye" on rollcall vote 204.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICAN
SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 2014

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Society of Clinical Oncology on 50 inspiring years of innovative cancer research and treatment.

Many Americans have a close connection to this terrible disease, whether they have survived it themselves or cared for a loved one who suffered through cancer. It galvanizes all of us to push for new early detection methods as well as new treatments.

In 1964, the seven founding physicians who created the American Society of Clinical Oncology came together with a vision for a professional society that would educate other physicians on treatment methods. At that time, cancer was largely untreatable and only a handful of hard-to-tolerate therapies were available.

Fifty years later the American Society of Clinical Oncology has almost 35,000 members